

Bangladesh Water Partnership
Monthly Report
February, 2014

The month of February was spent mostly for preparation for “National consultation on Water in the Post-2015 Development Agenda” to be held on 15 March 2014 and “Regional Workshop on Sharing Lessons and Experiences on Current Water Management Issues, Opportunities and Challenges from Deltaic Regions in South Asia including Impending Climate Change Impacts” to be held from 28-29 March 2014.

Strategic Goal #3: Strengthen Partnerships.

1. The 44th Executive Committee (EC) Meeting of BWP.

The 44th Executive Committee (EC) Meeting and the 1st for the year 2014 was held on 12 February 2014.

Main agenda of the meeting are being described below:

The meeting discussed on the status of implementation of the 2013 work plan and plan for the implementation of 2014 work plan. The EC was informed that the work plan for 2013 was fully implemented and implementation partners have been identified for 2014 work plan. They were also informed about the activity, budget and time frame for implementation. The EC expressed its satisfaction on the status of both the work plans.

The EC was also informed about the Water Climate Resilience Program (WACREP) activities. Dr. Haq informed that BWP has been assigned to implement 6 activities for 2013-2014. To date BWP has successfully completed one activity - National Dialogue on “Adaptive Approach for Long Term Delta Plan 2100 and Innovation for Addressing Water Management Issues in Bangladesh”

on 28 September 2013 and implementation plans for others are on schedule. Details documents were supplied in the meeting for ready reference.

Dr. Haq briefly informed the EC that BWP has been assigned to conduct a National Consultation on SDG on water in the post-2015 development agenda Phase-II which will be a daylong consultation on 15 March 2014 at CIRDAP Auditorium. He informed that Mr. Giashudding Ahmed Choudhury has been assigned to organize the programmatic side of the event and consultant for the program. Invitations for nominations of participants have already been sent to relevant organizations and other details are being worked out.

The committee was informed about the regional workshop under WACREP which is scheduled to be held from 28 to 29 March 2014 at BRAC Centre INN, Dhaka. Dr. Haq indicated that Institute of Water Modelling (IWM) has been assigned to organize the programmatic side of the workshop. Hotel reservation for the regional participants has been made at Rigs Inn Hotel in Gulashn-1. Invitations for regional nominations have been sent to 5 regional countries (Bhutan, India, Nepal, Pakistan and SriLanka) GWP-SAS. 8 nominations have been received from the region. Regional Chair, GWP-SAS, Regional coordinator and WACREP project manager from SriLanka will participate in the workshop along with 8 participants. Air tickets reservation for the regional participants have already been arranged. BWP is expecting 120 participants to be participated in the workshop.

The committee was informed that The Associated Program on Flood Management (APFM) of World Meteorological Organization (WMO) has finally agreed to launch a joined program with BWP. The first activity will be holding of a workshop on “Integrated Flood Management with focus on Coastal Flood Management”. Dr. Haq informed that the outcome of the workshop is expected to lead to development and implementation of a Pilot project titled “Coastal Inundation Forecasting Project”.

The committee opined that to help implement the above mentioned activity BWP needs to identify a lead institute and form a committee. Necessary documents received from WMO were presented for ready reference.